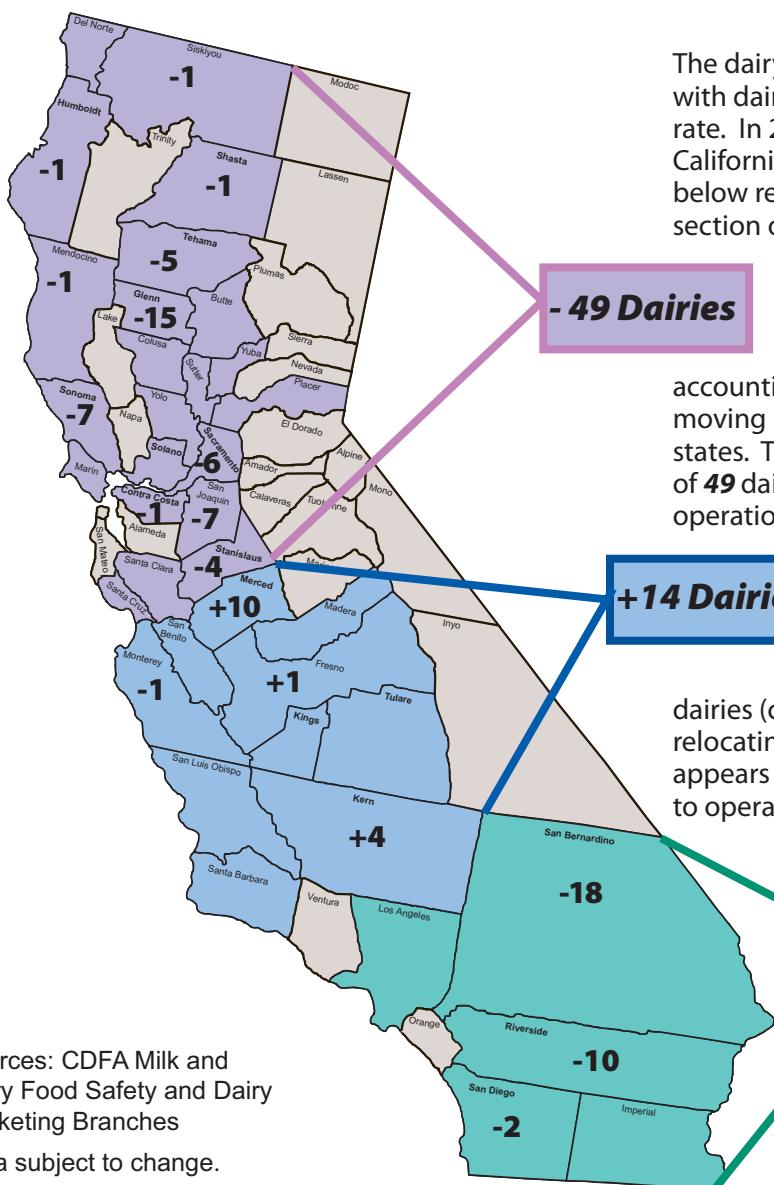


CALIFORNIA Dairy Information B U L L E T I N

California's Dairy Landscape Continued to Change in 2005... Total Number of Dairies Continues Sharp Decline



The dairy landscape in California continues to change with dairies relocating or shutting down at an increasing rate. In 2005 (compared to 2004 data), the northern California and southern California areas highlighted below recorded a net loss of **79** dairies - while the mid-section of California only showed a net gain of **14** dairies. These totals equate to **65** California dairies either shutting down or moving to areas out of state. San Bernardino and Riverside counties continued to lose dairies, accounting for **28** of the dairies either shutting down, moving north to the Valley region, or moving to other states. The northern California region recorded a loss of **49** dairies (with no counties reporting new dairy operations), compared to a loss of only **20** dairies in 2004.

Over the past few years, the Valley region (blue shaded area) consistently recorded the largest increases in dairy operations, for example, in 2004, this area gained **36** dairies (compared to 2003). This shift of dairy operations relocating to the Valley region over the last few years appears to be changing, with more dairies either ceasing to operate or moving out of state in 2005.

- The numbers inside the counties indicate the change in the number of dairies, 2005 vs. 2004.
- Grey areas indicate counties recording no operating dairies in 2005.
- Blue, purple, and green shaded-counties with no numbers indicate no change in the number of dairies compared to 2004.

